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# BARTLETT PARK RULE BOOK

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# GENERAL RULES

## TOWNSVILLE WESTERN PLEASURE & PERFORMANCE HORSE CLUB INC.



### ALL MEMBERS, COMPETITORS AND SPECTATORS MUST BE MADE AWARE OF AND ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. All visitors must report to caretaker when entering grounds. (except for when attending events) if a/the caretaker is not in attendance, the attendance register (situated in the white box at the time event end of the arena) must be signed.
2. Only current members of Townsville Western Pleasure & Performance Horse Club Inc. - Bartlett Park may use the grounds/arena. All persons must sign in and out. Unless they are attending a sanctioned event.
3. Those wishing to use the grounds outside of sanctioned events must pay a refundable key deposit at least 7 days prior to the required access.
  - a. After payment has been made the member must contact the committee to have their key allocated and arrange collection.
  - b. Keys are only to be used by the requesting member. Keys found to have been provided to another person/s; members or non-members; will be confiscated, and the deposit will be forfeited.
  - c. Keys can be returned at the conclusion on the membership year for a full refund.
  - d. If key is not returned a replacement fee will be charged.
4. Any damage to club assets must be paid for by the offending person/s, or remuneration made to the club for the facilitation of the repairs. In this instance the committee will determine the cost and invoice the offender. All deliberate destruction, damage and theft of club property will be dealt with accordingly and charges may be laid.
5. The caretaker's yard is out of bounds, no one may access this area without express permission from the caretaker.
6. No horses are allowed on the mound whatsoever. (Please see sight map for more information).
7. The grounds are to be left tidy, with all rubbish taken away or placed in the industrial bin. Campers must keep their site clean and tidy. Rubbish must be suitably wrapped and deposited in the bins provided. No glass is to be brought into or near the arena.
8. The committee accepts no responsibility whatsoever for camps, floats, vehicles or their contents, personal effects. This includes any livestock or animals whilst they remain at Bartlett Park.
9. There is to be no unauthorised access to the backyards without prior approval from the executive committee. This includes competitors' horses.
  - a. Horses found to be in the back yards without prior approval will incur a \$50.00 fine.
  - b. No nominations will be accepted for the offending party until fine is paid.
  - c. Repeat offenders will be asked to show cause as to why their membership should not be cancelled.
10. All cattle that are unloaded at the grounds must also have a waybill provided to the committee.
11. Unacceptable cruelty to livestock and horses will not be tolerated on the Bartlett Park Grounds. See Code of practice for use of [Animals in Rodeo QLD](#) for more information.

12. Committee must be notified, and the stock/horse register must be completed before any stock is left at grounds.
13. Members are requested to attend as many working bees as possible to keep grounds in order.
14. Parents are responsible for their children's conduct and behaviour. Any unruly behaviour or conduct will not be tolerated, and any damages will be the parent's responsibility.
15. Underage drinking will not be tolerated persons under the legal drinking age found to be drinking at any Bartlett Park event will be dealt with by the executive committee.
16. Members are not to display rude or disrespectful behaviour at any time, or they may be asked to show cause as to why their membership should not be cancelled.
17. Everyone will adhere to the "Member Protection Policy" which can be found on the website [www.bartlettpark.com.au](http://www.bartlettpark.com.au)

## **SAFETY**

1. Drink driving or reckless driving in the Bartlett Park grounds are chargeable offences by law and will be passed on to the Queensland Police if deemed necessary by the committee.
2. All horses must be walked when outside the performance area and warm-up area. This includes walking around, to and from the camping area.
3. All children (under 18 years) must wear a helmet with the chin strap securely fastened, (Australian Standards Approved) anytime whilst mounted anywhere in the Bartlett Park grounds.
4. Unaccompanied junior non competitors are not allowed behind the chutes and livestock area. Junior competitors who have completed their event may remain to watch and learn provided they are supervised by a responsible adult.
5. If you are not a competitor, helper, or backyard worker you are not permitted behind the chutes.
6. Horses known to kick must have a ribbon attached to their tail to notify others.
7. Rodeo events are the only time juniors can ride stallions and must be accompanied by an adult at all times and must be led to and from events. Juniors can only compete in one horse events and are not permitted to warm up their horse while others are using arena unless they are accompanied by an adult being led.
8. All stallions must be double tied by neck strap on all grounds. Stallions will be allowed to be unrestrained in panel yards through daylight hours only. Stallions must be double tied at night. Panels must be a minimum of 1500mm high with a minimum of 4 bars. Panels must be constructed using a minimum of 25mm box or pipe. Panels must be anchored to a solid object, truck, post, tree etc. As per ABCRA rules.
9. Dogs must be on a chain or lead and under strict control at all times.

## **BIOSECURITY**

1. Floats, trailers, and trucks are to be hosed out only in the designated hose-down area.
2. All contracted stock is to stay inside the Livestock Area.
3. Horses must be kept in designated areas.
4. All manure and feed from stabling areas must be cleaned up and taken away or left bagged, ready for removal by the caretaker.
5. Dogs are permitted; however, they must be on a chain or lead and under the strict control of the owner at all times. Dogs must not be let off the chain or lead at any time during an event.

# CLUB DAY RULES

## ALL EVENTS

1. Competitors must be either a financial member of TWP & PHC Inc or apply for and pay a day permit per day. Competitors paying the day permit **do not receive points towards the end of year trophies**. Any points that may have been accumulated whilst competing on day permit will not be granted if a competitor joins later in the year.
2. A competitor may only pay for a day permit for a maximum three (3) club days after which they must join TWP & PHC Inc as a financial member.
3. Competitors under the age of 18 must wear appropriate head protection (helmets) at all times whilst riding stock on the grounds. When a junior turns 18 and wishes to continue to compete in their junior age group they must wear a helmet during that event
4. Bartlett Park Dress Code - **MUST** be adhered to by all who enter the arena when competing or assisting children in any club disciplines, this includes arena personnel. (With the exception of bull fighters).
  - a. Long-sleeved buttoned-down shirt (collar to waist) this includes press studs.
  - b. Jeans or jodhpurs.
  - c. Riding boots - closed in shoes other than riding boots may be worn by children on horseback only if being led.
  - d. Closed in shoes for parents/helpers assisting children in the arena.
  - e. Wide brimmed felt/straw/palm leaf hat (no caps).
  - f. Caps are only allowed to be worn under helmets during horse sports.
  - g. During Western Pleasure events rail shirts are allowed.
5. All complaints must be forwarded to the management committee (preferably in writing) to be dealt with at the next general meeting.
6. Grounds must be kept clean and tidy at all times. Rubbish to be placed in bins provided.
7. All deliberate destruction, damage and theft of club property will be dealt with accordingly and charges may be laid.
8. Club day nominations must be paid **PRIOR** to commencement of event including day permits.
9. Abusive and profound language or bad behaviour may result in disqualification for the rest of the event during which the offence occurs. A repetition by the same competitor will result in disqualification for the remainder of the day's program.
10. A competitor who refuses to obey the direction of any judge/timekeeper or committee member may be refused the right of competing at any further events.
11. All competitors must respect and judges/timekeepers/committee members etc. and act in a polite manner at all times.
12. Horses will enter/exit the arena at a walking pace and will not cross or enter the area of another event.
13. All members must attend a minimum of **six (6)** club days to be eligible for end of year trophies – this may be reviewed by the committee should the need arise, i.e. not enough events able to be held throughout that particular year.
14. Competitor's age group is determined by their age as at the 1 December the previous year. Junior competitors stay in their age group for the year.

# HORSE SPORTS RULES

1. Competitors must be either a financial member of TWP & PHC Inc. or pay a day permit per day. Competitors paying the day permit **do not receive points towards the end of year trophies.** Any points that may have been accumulated whilst competing on day permit will not be granted if a competitor joins later in the year.
2. Day permit holders must complete a Day Membership Application and waiver form and pay the current day permit fee. If a day permit competitor is a financial member of ABCRA and can produce their membership card they are not required to complete the paperwork or pay the fee.
3. Age groups are as follows
  - Lead line (any age)
  - Under 8
  - 8 - Under 13
  - 13 - 15
  - Open
  - Over 40
4. Each competitor accumulates points towards end of year trophies for attended throughout the membership year. Ribbons are to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, points to 5<sup>th</sup>. Points are as follows – 1<sup>st</sup> = 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 2 points, 5<sup>th</sup> = 1 point
5. When nominating, please provide horse's name. If you have ridden a different horse throughout the year, this does not affect your overall points for each event. A one horse/one rider rule applies in each event.
6. All competitors must stay around arena entry/exit area whilst their age group is competing. Names will be called out 3 times only, scratching will occur if competitor is not present.
7. The time for the event is taken from when the horse's nose passes the starting line and time is stopped from when the horse's nose passes the finishing line.
8. Once the start/finish line has been crossed the clock will stop. If the competitor has not completed the course, then he/she is eliminated.
9. Failure of stopwatch: Re-run only
10. A minimum of 5 events will be held; the barrel race compulsory and the remaining four (4) will change from each club day.
11. A competitor being led by a rider on another horse is not allowed.
12. One horse/one rider per event. Excluding junior age groups. Competitors using the same horse **do not receive a placing or points.**
13. Excessive use of whips, spurs or riding equipment will not be tolerated, horse and rider will be disqualified if found in breach of this rule.
14. Competitors must stay in their age groups throughout the year.
15. No stallions or colts.
16. A competitor who wishes to compete more than one horse is able to, however only one horse's run can be awarded points and this horse must be clarified at time of nominated.

# RODEO CLUB/TRAINING DAY RULES

All rules and judging as per the current ABCRA rules and regulations.

## **ESPECIALLY:**

*Persons who wish to compete in rodeo club day/night events must be a current financial member of ABCRA (will be checked) or pay the current ABCRA day membership fee. Bartlett Park day permit fees are applicable for all non-financial members.*

*NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THIS RULE AS IT IS FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES AND PROTECTS MEMBERS AND THE CLUB.*

Please check the [abcra.com.au/2022-23-membership](http://abcra.com.au/2022-23-membership) page for more information about becoming a member of ABCRA and the benefits of membership

## **CLUB DAY SPECIFIC EVENT RULES**

1. Dummy roping age groups are:
  - U8
  - U14
2. Barrel racing age groups are:
  - U8
  - 8-U11
  - 11-U14
  - 14-U18
  - Over 18 (male/female) (beginners only)
5. Multiple entries per rider are permitted in the novice barrel horse event only; (competitors can compete different horses). Once a horse has won novice for the year, they are no longer eligible to compete in the novice event at Bartlett Park club days or jackpots. The horse's novice status within ABCRA will not be affected by this.
6. Caps are not permitted to be worn under riding helmets during club days/nights.
7. No barrier is in use for any timed event.
8. Team roping competitors must nominate and pay as a team **only**.
9. Competitors must stay in their age groups throughout the year.
10. Rodeo Club Day nominations must be submitted on a day prior to the date of the club day. The committee is to decide on which day this is and advise members/competitors accordingly. **NO LATE ENTRIES** will be accepted for any events requiring stock. Barrel race nominations will be accepted up until cut off time on the day of the rodeo club day event; however it is preferred that you pre nominate to allow for an easier process for the Rodeo club night secretary. Members/competitors will be advised of the cut off time at time of advertisement of event.
11. Bareback and Saddle bronc will have two age groups, Junior 14-U18 and Open which will include novice riders.



# WESTERN PLEASURE RULES

All rules and judging are as per the current AQHA official handbook.

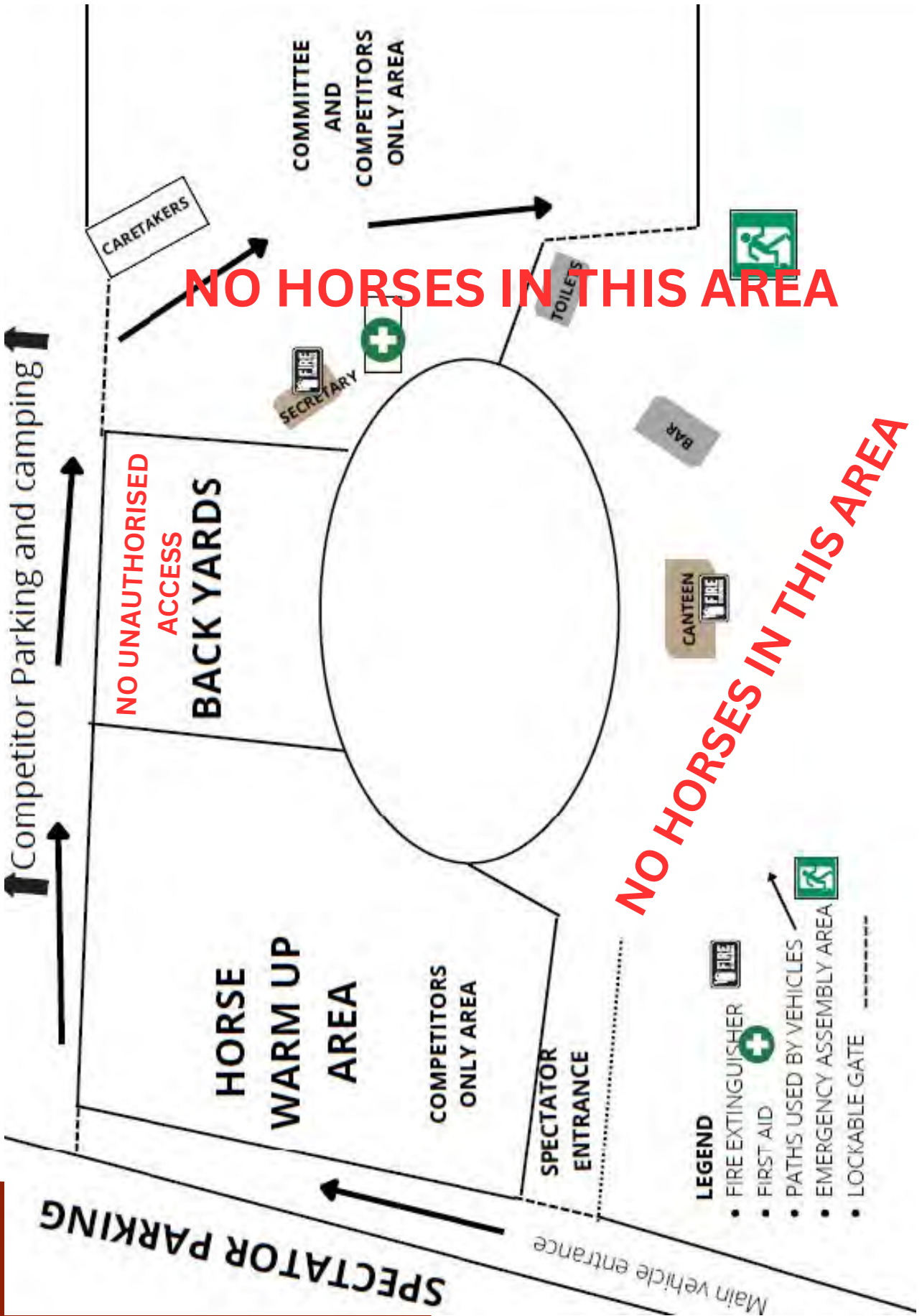
The following exceptions are:

1. Day permit holders must also complete an AQHA Day Membership Application form and pay the current day permit fee. If a day permit competitor is a financial member of AQHA and can produce their membership card they are not required to complete the paperwork however the day permit fee is still payable.
2. Points are calculated calendar year.
3. Competitors must stay in their age groups throughout the year, age groups do not change after the 1<sup>st</sup> August. This goes for competitors and horses.
4. There is no High Point Lead line winner but will receive end of year award.
5. All stallions must be stabled and secured at all times as per ABCRA rules. Any unwanted/disruptive behaviour may result in a request to leave the premises.
6. Juniors cannot ride/show a stallion or co<sup>l</sup>+
7. Age groups and categories are as follow
  - Lead Line Walk/Jog (any age)
  - Walk/Jog Youth
  - Beginner Youth
  - Open Youth
  - Walk/Jog Adult
  - Beginner Adult
  - 2yo Led
  - 2yo Ridden
  - Junior Horse
  - Senior Horse
  - Green Horse
8. Events are as follows:
  - Halter
  - Showmanship
  - Yearling
  - 2yo Class
  - Reining
  - Trail
  - Western Pleasure
  - Horsemanship
9. It is not compulsory for beginners that attend halter classes to use a leather show halter.
10. Beginner Adult/Youth – is for beginner riders who have not won 3 classes in the same event OR a high point award – e.g., 3 x Western Pleasure classes at any show. If you start the year in Beginner Classes but go on to win 3 classes during the year you can remain in that division for the rest of the year. Riders are only allowed
11. Green Horse – is for horses who have not won 3 classes in the same event OR a high point award (same as Beg Adult Rider rules). Horses are only allowed to compete in this division for Two (2) years and then they must step up to their next division.
12. Improver class – is designed for those who no longer qualify for their Beginner class or Green Horse but aren't quite ready to step up to Junior or Senior Horse. These horses must be ridden in their age-appropriate bit. For horses that are to be ridden in a shank bit – riders can ride two handed but will be encouraged to attempt to go one handed and will be awarded for this. Horse/Riders are only allowed to compete in this division for ONE (1) year and then must step up to their next division. If you compete in Improver Classes, you are NOT allowed to compete in any other division.
13. 2yo classes – If competing in 2yo classes you are NOT allowed to compete in any other division e.g., Junior Horse. If competing in the 2yo Lung Line and 2yo Led Trail you are NOT permitted to compete in the 2yo W/Pleasure and 2yo Ridden Trail classes and vice versa.

- 14. Walk/Jog classes are open to any age of rider or horse. If competing in the class, that same rider/horse combination is NOT allowed to compete in any other division. Walk/Jog combinations are only allowed in this division for Two (2) years and then must step up to their next division.
- 15. Copies of horse registration papers must be on hand to be inspected at any club day.
- 16. Stallions are to be secured at all times. Any unwanted/disruptive behaviour may result in a request to leave the grounds.
- 17. Points are awarded to 5th place in Beginner/Green Horse, Walk/Jog Classes. Points/Ribbons are awarded to 3<sup>rd</sup> place for all other classes
- 18. 1<sup>st</sup> = 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 2 points, 5<sup>th</sup> = 1 point
- 19. Abusive and profound language or bad behaviour may result in disqualification in the event. Continuation of this behaviour may result in the competitor being asked to leave the premises. All competitors must respect judges/stewards etc and act in a polite manner at all times.



# SITE MAP





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